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flexibility of spending if they have more money in the state aid fund as opposed to the MIRF fund. So all this amendment does is switch funds. It doesn't increase or decrease the total fund, and it doesn't increase or decrease the allocation that would go to any city in the formula. It's a two-part amendment. Part of it has to be done here, and part of it has to be done on LB 426, but it should be easy for you so long as you don't mind giving the cities a little more flexibility. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on AM1508, offered by Senator Beutler to LB 425. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Landis. Is Senator Landis on the floor? I do not see him. We'll go to the next speaker. Senator Synowiecki. Senator Synowiecki waives his time. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this ought to come as a pleasant surprise. I have no objection to this. I know that all this does, there's a restriction on the use of MIRF funds and this would simply give the cities more versatility in the use of the money. If that's what they'd like to do, that's fine with me. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Any further discussion? Seeing no lights on, Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close. He does not wish to close. The question before the body is adoption of the Beutler amendment, AM1508, to LB 425. All in favor of the motion vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is the Beutler amendment, AM1508. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM1508 has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next amendment.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM1577.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on AM1577 to LB 425.